

PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No.: 9312.52

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	
	Ruben F. Lah
Serial No.:	10/731,874
Filing Date:	December 9, 2003
Title:	VALVE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UNHEADING A COKE DRUM
Examining Attorney:	Jennifer A. Leung
	Art Unit 1764
	Conf. No. 6740

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This correspondence is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 6, 2007 for the above-referenced application.

**ELECTION**

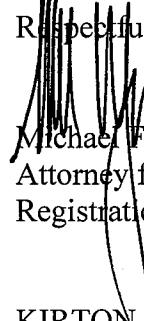
In the office action, the Examiner provided a Restriction Requirement. Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species drawn to a sliding blind gate-type de-header valve, which reads on claims 47-52, should no generic claim be finally deemed allowable.

## CONCLUSION

Should there be further questions regarding this election or further impediments to the prompt examination of these claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

DATED this 26 day of September, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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